



The Friends of Churchville Nature Center

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Janet V. Machiewicz Native Butterfly House 2024 Internship

Background:

The Janet V. Machiewicz Native Butterfly House opened in 2014 as a way for the center to promote awareness of the ecologic and economic importance of our native butterfly and moth species, as well as the conservation requirements to protect them. The house is a paid exhibit run mid-June through mid-September by the non-profit Friends of Churchville Nature Center.

Position Summary:

The Friends of Churchville Nature Center are looking to fill two paid internship positions for the summer of 2024 to work in our seasonally run native butterfly house. Interns will work to rear butterflies through all life stages, lead educational public tours within the house, assist in maintaining house gardens, maintain house cleanliness, and work towards the overall management of the butterfly house under the supervision of the Director of Education and the FoCNC Naturalist.

Timeframe/Pay Rate:

Internships will run approximately from June through August for 12 weeks. The tentative start date is June 4th to begin training and preparation for the house opening. Interns will be paid at a rate of \$13.00/hour. Interns will work 4hrs/day, for the first 4 weeks during house start-up then switch to 6.5hrs/day during the operating season. Starting Saturday, June 29th, interns will be required to do alternating weekends except on the two event weekends where both interns will be required to attend. We may be able to accommodate flexibility in the schedule for ideal candidates.

Key Responsibilities:

- The daily maintenance of the butterfly house including, but not limited to butterfly husbandry, gardening, and maintaining the cleanliness of the house
- Leading 20–25-minute educational tours of the butterfly house & answer visitor questions
- Supervising butterfly house docents and volunteers
- Keeping detailed notes on the butterfly rearing process

Requirements:

- To be considered, candidates must be 18 or older and either have or be working towards a degree in ecology, entomology, environmental education, or a similar field of study.
- Must be comfortable talking in front of a crowd and feel confident in their ability to lead an educational tour after a proper training period.
- Can lift, up to, 50 lbs., and traverse uneven ground over extended periods of time.
- Be able to work responsibly in both independent and team-based situations.
- Have an outgoing, and enthusiastic personality.



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Application for 2024 Butterfly House Internship

Application Due Date: April 26th

Use this sheet as a cover letter with your resume attached. You may submit a further cover letter or additional materials if you desire to do so.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Email: _____ Cell #: _____

(Optional) Home #: _____

Degrees Working Towards or Obtained: _____

Schools Attended: _____

(Optional) GPA: _____ (Optional) Favorite Class: _____

(Optional) Special Interests: _____

Reason You Should Be Selected: _____

Please send this sheet, a resume, and 3 references by mail or email to the contact below by Friday April 26th to be considered for one of these positions. Send any questions about the position to the below contact as well.

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